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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON ASSURANCES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL  
PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISES

REF: A. STATE 193543

[B](#). ALGIERS 1877

[C](#). ALGIERS 2225

CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR RICHARD W. ERDMAN,  
FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

(S) FOLLOWING A NOVEMBER 16 MEETING WITH MFA SECRETARY  
GENERAL LAMAMRA ON OTHER ISSUES, AMBASSADOR REMINDED LAMAMRA  
THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED A REACTION TO THE TEXTS  
PROPOSED BY THE U.S. FOR DIPLOMATIC NOTES (REF C) TO BE  
EXCHANGED IN ADVANCE OF MILITARY EXERCISES IN ALGERIA.  
AMBASSADOR REMINDED LAMAMRA THAT SUCH ASSURANCES WERE NEEDED  
IN ADVANCE OF PLANNED UPCOMING EXERCISES, ESPECIALLY THOSE  
INVOLVING U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT  
THE ASSURANCES WERE NEEDED FOR LIABILITY REASONS IN THE EVENT  
THAT THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT -- SUCH AS A PLANE CRASH -- DURING  
AN EXERCISE. THE INTENT, STRESSED AMBASSADOR, WAS NOT TO  
DIMINISH ALGERIAN SOVEREIGNTY DURING SUCH EXERCISES. LAMAMRA  
SAID BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES IN THE INTERAGENCY HAD DELAYED  
THE GOA REPLY, BUT HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT ALGERIA  
UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHED TO SUCH  
ASSURANCES AND THAT A RESPONSE WAS IN COURSE.

ERDMAN